QUIET DAY ON 'CHANGE

HEAVY FALLING OFF IN BUSINESS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.

After Several Wide Fluctuations Quotations Became Firm-Local Markets Growing Weak.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 122 per cent., the last loan being made at 11/2, closing offered at 11/2 per

Prime mercantile paper, 2%@41/2 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.59674.8914 for demand and \$4.87%@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.874@4.89 and \$4.894@4.90; commercial bills, \$4.86\\04.86\. Silver certificates, 60% bid.

Bar silver closed at 6014c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 50c. At London, bar silver was 27%d per ounce.

Total sales of stock were 149,800 shares, including: American Sugar, 49,000; Burlington, 6,800; Chicago Gas, 2,700; Distillers, 4,-800; Erie, 10,600; Laclede Gas, 5,800; Louisville & Nashville, 4,400; Manhattan, 11,000; New Jersey Central, 2,000; Reading, 8,800; St. Paul, 9,700; Western Union, 3,700; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 3,300.

Speculation on the Stock Exchange yesterday was dull and uninteresting and the volume of business shows a heavy decrease from that of the past few days. The effect of the circular issued by Drexel, Morgan & Co. to the Erie bondholders was favorable the stock, inasmuch as it disproved the truth of the rumors that the firm had abandoned the reorganization altogether, whereas it merely proposed to lay it aside temporarily in the hope of better times. An advance of 1 per cent. was made in the stock, which was maintained to the close. The improvement was materially aided by good buying for the London account. The market opened generally firm and a fraction higher, except for Sugar and Distilling, which lost % and % per cent., respectively. Sugar, however, although much less active than usual, quickly rullied 11%. A raid on the stock brought about a reaction of 1 per cent. Most of the other shares dealt in were also weak, and the tendency of prices was downward until near noon. After midday trading became quieter, but the tone of the market was firmer, closing in the main at an advance on the final figures of yesterday. Consolidated Gas and Erie advanced 1, General Electric %, the grangers 14014, the latter St. Paul and Northwest, There were a few declines on the day, including Cotton Oil, 21/8; Cotton Oil preferred, 1, and Denver & itio Grande preferred, 14. Sugar fluctuated within a limit of 13. At the close the speculation was active and in good tone.

the early session were generally at lower figures, but after midday there was a general rise in touch with the improvement in the share speculation. The amount of busi-ness transacted was fair, aggregating \$1,-190,500, with a pretty fair distribution of the Government bonds were firm. State bends

The dealings in the bond market during

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations: Open- High- Low- Clos-

Name.	ing	est.	est.	ing
Adams Express			oct.	139
Alton & Terre Hau	10	*****	*****	100
Alton & T H prof		*****		100
Alton & T. H., pref.		-		110
American Express	484	434	4%	45%
Baltimore & Ohio			7/8	67
Canada Pacific			*****	
Canada Southern	5014	5034	5034	501/4
Central Pacific Chesapeake & Ohio.				141/2
Chesapeake & Ohio.	17%	177%	17%	17%
Chicago & Alton			*****	1451/2
C., B. & Q	72	72	711/2	72
C. & E. I., pref Chicago Gas	** *****	7214	10.25	93
C., C., C. & St. L	12/4	72.4	11%	72
C., C., C. & St. L Cotton Oil Dela vare & Hudson D., L. & W	35	97	38	38
Dela vare & Hudson	19576	1957	1957	251/2 1257/4
D. L. & W	15914	1601/	15914	16014
Dis. & C. F. Co	834	91/	8%	91/4
Edison Gen. Elec	35	25%	- 25	35%
Erie	1,714	10%	9%	101/2
Erie, pref	200	1000	400	23
Fort Wayne			120000	158
G. Northern, pref			40.00	100%
Hocking Valley		100000	2000	17
Illinois Central Lake Erie & W		****	****	89
Lake Erie & W	** *****	*****	- ender	
L. E. & W., pref	*******	*****	40.22	701/2
Lake Shore	134%	134%	13414	13414
Louisville & Nash.	590	523	5276	53%
Louis. & New Alban	10074	4074	0278	6
Manhattan		105%	103%	10544
Michigan Central		100/8	40078	9616
Missouri Pacific	2814	28%	28	2834
U. S. Cordage	81/2	814	8:5	814
U. S. Cordage, pref.		****		15
N. J. Central	92	931/2	92	931/2
N. Y. Central N. Y. & N. E	** *****	*****	*****	99
N. Y. & N. E	3114	311/4	311/4	311/4
Northern Pacific N. Pacific, pref	1777	*****	*****	478
Northwestern	077	1794	11/2	1194
Northwestern, pref.	36 78	39.38		141
Pacific Mail	221/2	221/2	221/2	2214
			100	221/2 38/4 1551/2
Pullman Palace	1551/2	15514	1551/6	15514
Reading	4. 1494	15	14%	15
Rock Island	6134	613%	61%	617%
St. Paul	58%	58%	58	581/2
St. Paul, pref		*****		11934
Sugar Refinery	30%	91%	90%	911/8
U. S. Express				
Wabash, St. L. & I W., St. L. & P., pre	7 74	14	193/	6
Wells-Fargo Expre	99		13%	105
Western Union	881/	8836	873%	8814
U. S. Fours, reg	0074	0078	01.58	11416
II & Fours coun		-		110

Tuesday's Bank Clearings.

At Baltimore-Clearings, \$2,692,045; bal-At Philadelphia-Clearings, \$11,751,325; balances, \$1,319,087. At New York-Clearings, \$113,579,433; balances, \$6,706,227. At Boston—Clearings, \$18,695,312; balances, \$1,858,451. At Cincinnati-Clearings, \$2,240,170. At Chicago-Clearings, \$14,114,000. Sterling exchange firm; actual, \$4.88@4.89%. At St. Louis-Clearings, \$3,982,360; bal-ances, \$529,508.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Trade Quiet, Sugar Weak and Other

Markets Without Feature. On the wholesale streets it has not been as active this week as in the week ending Dec. 8. But the heavy rains and warm weather probably is the chief cause of the duliness, Prices in many lines, where not lower, are weak, as is the case with provisions, poultry, eggs, butter, fruits and vegetables. Apples and oranges are decaying rapidly. Present indications are that low prices for apples, oranges, bananas and Irish potatoes are to continue through the winter, as receipts are still large and the market, in many articles, overstocked. Provisions are moving rather slowly: prices continue to decline and as long as such is the case, no retail merchant will buy except to meet immediate requirements.

There is considerable activity to the local

grain market. Corn and oats are in good request and receipts not very heavy. Track olds, yesterday, were firm at the following Wheat—No. 2 red, 52c; No. 3 red, 44c; wagon wheat, 50c.
Corn—No. 1 white, 42c; No. 2 white, 42c; No. 3 white, 42c; No. 2 white mixed, 41½c; No. 3 white mixed, 41½c; No. 2 yellow, 41½c; No. 3 yellow, 41½c; No. 2 mixed, 41½c; No. 2 mixed, 41½c; No.

3 mixed, 41½c; ear corn, 40½c. Oats-No. 2 white, 33½c; No. 3 white, 31¼c; No. 2 mixed, 30½c; No. 3 mixed, 25½c; re-Rye-No. 2, 48c for car lots, 43c for wagon

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$9; No. 2, \$8; No. 1 prairie, \$7.50; mixed, \$6.50; clover, \$6.50 per

Poultry and Other Produce. (Prices Paid by Shippers.) Poultry-Hens, 5c per lb; spring chickens, 5c; cocks, 3c; turkeys, toms, 4c per 1b;

hens, 6 c per lb; young turkeys, 6 c; small, 5@6c; ducks, 6c per lb; geese, \$4.80@5.40 per doz for choice, Eggs-Shippers paying 18c. Butter-Choice, 10@12c. Wool-Medium unwashed, 12c; fine merino unwashed, &c; Cotswold and coarse combing. 10@12c; tub-washed, 16@18c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less.

Feathers-Prime geese, 30@32c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb. Game-Rabbits, 75c; quails, \$1.50@1.75; mallard ducks, \$2.75 per doz. Beeswax-20c for yellow; 15c for dark. HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides-No. 1 green salted hides, 41/2c; No.

Grease-White, 41/2c; yollow, 31/2c; brown, Bones-Dry. \$12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE. (The quotations given below are the seili-prices of wholesale dealers.) Candies and Nuts.

Candles—Stick, 6c per lb; common, mixed, 6c; G. A. R. mixed, 6c; Banner, mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7c.
Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 16c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 9c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; mixed nuts, 10@12c. Canned Goods.

Peaches—Standard, 2-pound, \$1.85@2; 2-pounds seconds, \$1.50@1.65; 3-pound pie, \$1.15@1.29; California standard, \$2.25@2.50; California seconds, \$1.85@2 Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, \$0.095c; raspberries, 2-pound, \$1.10@1.20; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, \$1.25@1.35; choice, \$2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 90@35c; light 65@70c; 2-pound, full, \$1.80@1.90; light, \$1.10@1.20; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, \$1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, \$1.10@1.20; early June, \$1.25@1.50; lobsters, \$1.85@2; red cherries, \$1.20@1.25; strawberries, \$1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), \$1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, \$1.05@1.10.

Coal and Coke. Anthracite coal, all sizes, \$7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, \$4.25 per ton; Jackson, \$4.25; block, \$3.25; Island City, \$3; Blossburg and English cannel, \$5. All nut coals 50c-below above quotations.

Coke—Connellsville, \$3.75 per load;
crushed, \$3.25 per load; lump, \$3 per load.

Alcohol, \$2.48@2.60; asafetida, 35c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 50@55c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, bris, 75@85c; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, \$2.05@2.30; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, \$1.10@1.15; oil, bergamot, per lb, \$3; opium, \$2.40; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 35@40c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6e; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 14@20c; iodide potassium, \$3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonida, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c. Alcohol, \$2.48@2.60; asafetida, 35c; alu

Oils-Linseed, 55@58c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils-Winter strained, in brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 3c per gal extra.

Dried Fruits. Figs-Layer, 11@14c per lb.
Raisins-Loose Muscatel, \$1.25@1.40 per box; London layer, \$1.35@1.75 per box; Valencia, 61/2081/2c per lb; layer, 9@10c.
Peaches—Common, sun-dried, 8@10c per lb; California, 10@12c; California, fancy,

Apricots-Evaporated, 9@13c. Prunes-California, 6@10c per lb. Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6c;
Berkeley, No. 60, 7c; Cabot, 6c; Capital,
5½c; Cumberland, 6¼c; Dwight Anchor,
7¼c; Fruit of the Loom, 7¼c; Farwell, 7c;
Fitchville, 5¼c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge,
5½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 6½c; Hope, 5½c;
Linwood, 6½c; Lonsdale, 6½c; Lonsdale
Cambric, 8½c; Masonville, 7¼c; Peabody,
5¾c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh,
6c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 5½c;
Penparell 64 18c; Penparell 10-4 20c; An-Bleached Sheetings-Androscoggin L, 6c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 19c; Andoscoggin, 10-4, 21c. Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A. 6c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C. 4¾c; Buck's Head, 5¾c; Clifton, CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E 6c; Great Falls J. 4¾c; Hill Fine, 6½c; Indian Head, 6c; Lawrence LL, 4½c; Pennevell E 5c; Bennevell E 5c; Fine, 6½c; Indian Head, 6c; Lawrence LL, 4½c; Pepperell E, 6c; Pepperell R, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4½c; Allen's staples, 4¾c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 6¾c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4¾c; Mamilton fancy, 5c; Manchester fancy, 5c; Marrimac pinks 5c; Merrimac fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 51/3c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Pacific robes, 51/2c; Pacific mourning, 51/2c; Simpson Eddystone, 5c; Simpson Berlin solids, 51/2c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5c; Simpson's mournings, 5c. Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 5c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Carrolton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 6½c; Whitetenton Heather, 61/2c; Calcutta Dress styles,

Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 3%c; Warren, 3%c; Slater, 3%c; Genesse, 3%c.
Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 11%c; Conestoga BF, 13c; Cordis, 140, 12%c; Cordis FT, 12%c; Cordis ACE, 12%c; Hamilton awnings, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 12c; Oakland AF, 6c; Portsmouth 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket mouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 71/2c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, Grain Bags-Amoskeag, \$12.50; American, \$12.50; Franklinville, \$15; Harmony, \$12.50; Stark, \$17.50.

Straight grades, \$2.50@2.75; fancy grades, \$2.75@3; patent flour, \$3.25@3.75; low grades,

Sugars—Hard sugars, 4.20@4.82c; confectioners' A, 41/sc; soft A, 3.90@4c; extra C, 3.65@3.75c; yellow C, 31/2@3%c; dark yellow, 3.65@3.75c; yellow C, 3½@3%c; dark yellow, 3¼@3%c.

Coffee — Good, 19@20c; prime, 20@21c; strictly prime, 22@23c; fancy green and yellow, 25@27c; ordinary Java, 29½@30½c. Roasted—Old government Java, 32½@33½c; golden Rlo, 25c; Bourbon Santos, 26c; golden Santos, 24½c; prime Santos, 23½c; Cottage (blended), 22½c; Capital (blended), 21c; Pilot, 20½c; Dakota, 19½c; Brazil, 19c; 1-pound packages, 21¼c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 23@30c. Salt-In car lots, 95c@\$1; small lots, \$1@

Spices-Pepper, 15@18c; allspice, 10@15c; cloves, 15@20c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 65@ 75c per pound.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, \$1.85@
1.90 per bu; medium hand-picked, \$1.80@1.85;
limas, California, 5½@6c per pound.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c;
flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, Rice-Louisiana, 41/2@51/2c; Carolina, 4%@ ot-\$1.20@1.25 per bag for drop.

Lead-61/607c for pressed bars. Flour Sacks (paper)-Plain, 1-32 brl, Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,600, \$3.50; 1-16 brl, \$5; 38 brl, \$8; ¼ brl, \$16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$4.25; 1-16 brl, \$6.50; ½, \$10; ½, \$20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$7; 1-16, \$8.75; ½, \$14.50; ¼, \$28.50. Extra charge for printing. Wooden Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, \$2.50; No. 2, \$3; No. 3, \$3.50; No. 5, \$4.50. Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, \$5.25@5.75; No. 2 tubs, \$4.50@5; No. 3 tubs, \$4@4.50; 3-hoop pails, \$1.50@1.60; 2-hoop pails, \$1.15@1.25; double washboards, \$2.25@2.75; common washboards, \$1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@85c

Iron and Steel. Bar iron, 1.20@1.30c; horshoe bar, 24@ 24c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 24c; American cast steel, 8c; tire steel, 24@3c; spring steel, 41/26c.

Leather-Oak sole, 30@40c; hemlock sole, 24@30c; harness, 28@30c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, per doz, \$60@95; fair bridle, \$60@78 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85c@\$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@\$1; French calfskins, \$1@1.80. Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, \$1.10; wire nails, \$1.25 rates; horseshoes, per keg, \$3.75; mule shoes, per keg, \$4.75; horse nails, \$4@5 per box. Produce, Fruits and Vegetables. Cabbage—Per brl, 60@75c. Cranberries—\$10@12 per brl; \$3.25@3.50 per

Grapes—Catawbas, 15c per five-pound baskets; Tokay, per case, \$4; Malaga grapes, \$7@8 per keg, according to weight. Sweet Potatoes—Baltimore, \$1.75@2 per brl; Jerseys, \$3@3.25 per brl; Illinois, \$2.25@ Onlons-Per brl. \$1.50@1.75; 65@75c per bu; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per crate. Cheese-New York full cream, 12@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb. Lemons-Messina, \$2.75@4 per box; Florida, \$3@3.50; Malaga, \$3.25@3.50. Potatoes-Per brl. \$1.75; per bu, 55@60c Apples-Per brl, common, \$1.50; choice, \$2.25; New York stock, \$2.50@2.75. New Cider-Half brh \$2.75; brl, \$4.50@5. Celery-Per bunch, 20@30c, according to

Oranges-Florida oranges, \$2@2.25; Mandarins, \$5, two box crates; grape fruit, Bananas-Per bunch, 75c@\$1.25.

Provisions. Bacon-Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 8½c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 8½c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 8½c. Bellies, 25 lbs average, 8½c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 8½c; 12 to 15 lbs average, 8½c. Clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 8%c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 8%c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 8%c.
Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 7%c; 16 lbs average, 7%c. Hams—Sugar-cured, 13 to 20 lbs average, 1014c; 16 lbs average, 1014c; 1214 lbs average, 1034c; 10 lbs average, 1114c. Block hams, 11c; all first brands; seconds, 14c less. California hams, sugarcured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 7c. Boneless hams, sugar-cured, 8½@9c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, \$13.50@15; rump pork, \$12.50@13.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear firsts, 11c; sec-Lard-Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 8%c;

pure lard, 7% 68%c. Tinners' Supplies. Best brand charcoal tin, IC, 10r14, 14x20, 12x12, \$6@6.50; IX, 12x14, 14x20, 12x12, \$8@8.50; IC, 14x20, rofing tin, \$5.25@5.50; IC, 20x28, \$10.50x11; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 and 10 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 5@514c. Copper bottoms, 20c. Planished copper, 24c. Solder, 13@14c.

Seeds.

Clover—Chalce recleaned, 60-lb, \$5.25@5.50;

prime, \$5.50; Alsike, choice, \$7.25@7.50; Alfaifa, choice, \$4.75@5; crimson or scarlet clover, \$3.75@4.25; timothy, 45-lb, choice, \$2.45@2.65; strictly prime, \$2.50@2.60; blue grass, fancy, 14-lb, \$1.40@1.50; extra clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass, extra, \$1.85@2.05; Red top, choice, \$1@1.25; extra clean, 90c@\$1. English blue grass, 24-lb, \$2.20@2.35.

THE STATE BOARDS.

Argument for Bipartisan as Against Nonpartisan Selections.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: There is a demand by all good citizens, amounting almost to a clamor, for relief from the evils of partisanship in the administration of public affairs, and the Republicans of Indiana are pledged to grant it, now that for the first time in twentytwo years they have control of the Legislature. Evidently this can not be done by turning one set of party leaders out and putting another set in. Though there is ordinarily a marked difference for the better between Republican methods and Democratic, there is not enough to satisfy this public demand. To meet this difficulty, a very plausible compromise has been proposed: To divide the penal and benevolent institutions as equally as possible and let the Republicans manage one part and the Democrats the other part in the same way. That is not the common way of putting it but it exactly expresses the fact. We have never had a more disgraceful type of partisanship than has often been displayed by so-called nonpartisan boards, such as are now provided for in many departmentstwo of the dominant party to one of the other. The two are as capable of mischief as three would be, the third member not being even a respectable figurehead. In plain English, such nonpartisan boards are not nonpartisan at all, but, instead, are ordinarily more reckless than when no at tempt to restrain them is made.

In considering this question two historic facts should be conceded as inhering in our system of government: First, we always have had, and probably always will have, two parties, and never any more than two. One portion of the people will crystallize around one combination of political measures which are more or less correlated, while another portion will crystallize around another combination, but never separated by so sharp a line that there will not always be measures common to both parties, the difference, if any, being wholly in methods; and in all case the controlling factor in all party organizations being more in the social and educational environments of the individual than in the real merits of the leading measures, which constitute the framework of the party's creed. True, there always have been and there always will be third parties innumerable, while men with one idea insist that that idea must be the basis of a political party or they will never be happy. But these third parties have never amounted to anything, and never can, hence, after a hundred years' experience with them, it is plain that no provision need be made for them as a governing factor. They seldom continue long, yet ample provision should be made for their happiness by counting them whenever they stand

A second fact to be conceded is that each party seeks the welfare of the country, and is equally entitled to recognition as wishing to administer public affairs for the common good of the whole. That they are equally wise in their methods need not, however, be conceded. In accordance with this con-cession, Indiana, with many other States, has recognized their equality by providing in many cases for administration boards to be composed of persons representing each party. But, as I have said, though such boards are called nonpartisan, they are usually most offensively partisan. Why not make them bi-partisan? Why not have them composed of four members—two from each party? The methods of creating the board should not be changed. In State matters let it be the chief executive officer of the town or city. It will in all cases then require at least one of the other party to onsent to any measures. Any measure involving political interests that can not com-mand at least one vote from each party should not pass, and there are a thousand measures in which no politics are involved that should not pass without the consent of at least three-fourths of the board or commission, both in State and municipal affairs, and to school boards. The notion of making committees and boards consist of odd numbers, so that a majority may be easily obtained, belongs to the era which required an agreement of twelve men to bring in a verdict. Let us have bi-partisan boards. Let the Governor appoint them and not the State officers. We have had but one Governor in fifty years—at least not more than two—who would prostitute his office for the sake of the small party advantage to be gained from appointing weaklings or mugwumps to represent either party; and let all city boards be constituted in the same way. The only possible nonparty board is a bi-party board.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11. P.en for Local Option.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: I am a constant reader of your paper; voted the Republican ticket at the las election, and steadily voted it since the beginning of the late war. During these passing years, I have observed many good results and some mistakes of Republican policy. Conspicuous among the memories of my connection with the party is the claim that in the Republican party is embraced the intelligence of the country and that it represents the moral sentiment of

I believe this to be strictly true, and that the responsibility resulting from such a claim should be fairly met. Assuming that every man in the State has a right to instruct our State Legislature, I waive my right to instruct and simply suggest that if the Republican party should ever organize and control another Legislature in this State, and that Legislature fails to provide for the people to vote on the saloon question, then thousands of good men and women will be disappointed. The members of the next Legislature should not be unmindful that the last hope of any temperance law is now in the Republican party. For long years we have silently waited with the hope that some day a Legislature would be found willing to stand for the homes, peace and good order of our State. The question of open saloons must be met in the not distant future, and cowardly dodging and evasion wil never settle it. That a large majority of the Republican party are to-day squarely in favor of a lo-cal option law is beyond question, and I entertain little doubt that a clear major-

favor of a direc vote on the whisky ques-Saloons are either a blessing or a curse. If a blessing, let our next Legislature nurse them with the old Democratic license; if a curse, let the people have a right to deal with them as a curse. There is no party politics in this question. We claim home rule, pure and simple. We ask the next General Assembly to give us a straight local option law, by counties or townships, and if the Legislature is afraid to pass such a law, then we hope a law will be framed to raise the price of saloon icenses high enough to cover the damage of saloons to society. One more suggestion. License for a saloon in a city is worth more than in a rural village. If this is true, then there is no justice in continuing the present uniform or fixed rate of license all over the State. If we are doomed longer to submit to the curse of license and open whisky saloons, then, I submit, that it is only right that local authorities should fix

ity of all other parties in the State are in

and regulate the price of license. Centreville, Ind., Dec. 10. C. J. W.

Mischievous Talkers. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: I have read with pleasure your editorial in to-day's Journal, "Misleading and Mischievous." It is true, every word of it: but the whole address was made up of just such stuff. The very title of it shows the purpose to misrepresent facts. And the more vicious and venomous the misrepresentations the louder was the applause. Why is it that professed Christians and pretended ministers of the gospel of "peace on earth, good will to men," will tolerate such class animosities? Will degrade themselves and disgrace their professions by pandering to such victous and depraved tastes, by feeding the ignorance and bigotry that can enjoy only, and will listen to nothing but, what bemeans and slanders their fellow-man? Why? It is an enigma to me. ONE WHO HEARD.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11. Exclusive Property.

New York Times. One feels sorry for the second wife of the widower "H. S.," who writes to an English paper to ask if it will be suitable to use at the ceremony the same ring with which he married his first wife. There

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FIRST INDICATIONS POINTED TO WEAKNESS IN CHICAGO WHEAT.

Leading Cereal Gains 3-Se and Oats Advance 1-Se-Corn and Provision Practically Unchanged.

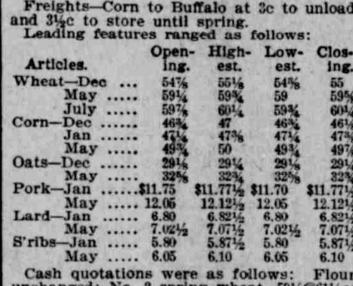
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-Liberal export clearances and Bradstreet's report of decreases in wheat stocks east of the Rockies, on the Pacific slope, in Europe and affoat firmed up wheat to-day, and May closed %c higher, May corn closed unchanged; May oats, 1/sc higher, and provisions with but little

Wheat, although opening about 1/2 lower than it closed yesterday, was much firmer subsequently than had been expected. The government report had apparently been discounted yesterday, and, although rather bearishly construed, the shorts were ready and willing to buy all the wheat the longs were disposed to sell on account of it, although Pardridge was a seller. The comparative strength of the opening was in spite of receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth numbering 725 cars against 554 cars on the corresponding day of last year, and lower foreign markets. Another bearish feature of the statistical news was shipments from all exporting countries outside of the United States and Canada last week of wheat and flour to the amount of 5,712,000 bushels. An advance under such circumstances was rather a surprise to the trade, but the opening purchases were made at the lowest prices of the day, May selling at 59c and 59%c, very little of it, however, at 59c. It gradually improved until about 12 o'clock it had got up to 59%c. Export clearances from New York amounted to 113,000 bushels of wheat and 70,000 barrels of flour. The price got a further slight hoist and the bulls had additional reassurance when Bradstreet reported a decrease in wheat stocks east of the Rockies of 314,000 bushels, a decrease on the Pacific slope of 965,000 bushels, and a de-crease in Europe and afloat of 456,000 bushels. Cables also improved in tone as the session progressed. The market closed firm at

The corn market was firm, but fluctuareceipts were 386 cars against 400 estimated. and only 200 cars are expected to-morrow. The withdrawals from store were 95,000 bushels. New York reported some inquiry for export and six boat loads placed to-day. The Iowa State report called the total production in the State this year 80,867,000 bushels less than the government estimate. The price of May was 49%c at the opening and 49%c bid at the close, with 40c paid for a little during the day. The market for oats showed very little activity. The firmer feeling still existed, influenced by a like situation in corn. May started at 32%c, sold at 32%c and closed at

The provision market opened rather weak in consequence of the slight drop in wheat at the start, but soon firmed up again when the wheat market gave it the encouragement of advancing prices. In the end, compared with yesterday's closing prices, pork shows no change. Lard is .021/2c higher, and ribs .05c higher for January and .021/2c higher

Freights-Corn to Buffalo at 3c to unload



Cash quotations were as follows: Flour Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 59\\(^4\)\(_6\)\(^4\)\(_6\ goods, per gal, \$1.23. On the Produce Exchange to-day the but-

ter market was weak; creameries 13@23c; dairies, 12@20c. Eggs steady at 22@22½c.
Receipts—Flour, 10,000 brls; wheat, 54,000 bu; corn, 364,000 bu; oats, 235,000 bu; rye, 120,000 bu; barley, 69,000 bu. Shipments—I our, 7,000 brls; wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, 364,-000 bu; oats, 8,000 bu; rye, 15,000 bu; barley, 142,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Flour-Receipts, 48,700 brls; exports, 70,000 brls; sales, 7,200

packages. The market was weak. Southern flour dull. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour nominal. Buckwheat was quiet, corn meal dull, rye quiet, barley easier and barley malt fairly active. Wheat-Receipts, 93,400 bu; exports, 113,-100 bu; sales, 3,505,000 bu futures, 48,000 bu spot. No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 601/4

@601/2c; afloat, 613/2 @62c; f. o. b., 625/c; No. 1 Northern, 69%c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 71%c. Options opened weak under the bear ish government report and lower cables, rallied on good exports and later advanced sharply on a big decrease in Bradstreet's visible and liberal covering by shorts; closed at 1/2%c net advance. No. 2 red, January, 60%c; February, 61%c; March, 62%c; May, 63%c; June, 63%c; July, 64%c; December, 601/2c.

Corn-Receipts, 235,000 bu; exports, 5.10 bu: sales, 310,000 bu futures, 70,000 bu spot. Spot easy; No. 2, 561/2c in elevator, 571/2c affoat; steamer mixed, 51c; No. 3, 48%c. Options opened quiet and steady and advanced on rain in corn belt and lighter receipts. but finally reacted on lack of local support and closed unchanged to 16cal sup-port and closed unchanged to 16c decline. Closing prices: January, 53%c; February, 53%c; May, 53%c; December, 54%c. Oats—Receipts, 25,500 bu; exports, 14,000 bu; sales, 150,000 bu futures, 49,000 bu spot. Spots dull; No. 2, 34%c; No. 2, delivered, 34%c; No. 3, 33%c; No. 2 white, 38% @39c; No. 3 white, 38c; track white, 37% @41c. Options dull all day, closing at unchanged

Hay steady. Hops steady. Hides firm Leather steady. Beef dull. Cut meats weak; shoulders, 5c. Lard steady; Western steam closed at 7.15c; sales, 350 tierces at 7.15c; city, 65% 624c; December closed at 7.15c, nominal; January, 7.20c, nominal; refined steady; continent, 7.60c; S. A., 8c; compound, 51/4c. Pork was quiet. Butter weak; Western dairy, 101/2016c; Western creamery, 15@20c; Western fac-tory, 10@16c; Elgins, 24c; State creamery,

Eggs quiet; cases, \$2@4; receipts, 7,198 Coffee—Options closed quiet at 15@25 points net decline; sales, 17,750 bags, including: December, 13.85c; January, 13.45@13.50e; February, 13.25@13.30c; March, 12.85@12.95c May, 12.55@12.60c; September, 12.35@12.40c Spot coffee-Rio quiet and nominal; No. 7, 1734c; mild quiet; Cordova, 1814@19c; sales, 700 packages Jamaica and 600 packages Maracaibo, p. t.; Santos quiet; good average Santos, 13c. Receipts for two days, 23,000 bags; stock, 269,000 bags. Hamburg-Weak; prices 4@%pfg decline; sales, 25.000 bags. Havre closed irregular at 4@1f net decline; total sales, 16,000 bags. Rio-Firm; exchange 10%d. Receipts for two days, 5,-9,000 bags; cleared for Europe, none; stock, 77,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 20,410 bags. New York stock to-day, 223,957 bags; United States stock, 264,324 bags; affoat for the United States, 219,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 483,324 bags, against 446,974 bags last Sugar-Raw dull; fair refining, 23/63c

centrifugal, 96 test, 34,63%c; sales, 2,000 bags Demarra centrifugal, 96 test, at 2%c, in bond, and 1,100 bags Demarra molasses sugar, 80 test, at 1%c, landed; refined fairly Oranges weak; fancy box, \$1.75 others, 750 Stocks of Grain. NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Special cable and

telegraphic advices to Bradstreets covering principal points of accumulation in the United States, Canada and Europe indicate the following changes in stocks of grain last Saturday, compared with the preceding

decrease, 314,000 bushels; corn, increase, 2,167,000 bushels; oats, decrease, 330,000 bushels. United States, west of Rocky Mountains: Wheat, decrease, 965,000 bushels. Affoat for and in Europe: Wheat, decrease, 456,000 bushels. Larger increases of domestic wheat stocks east of the Rocky Mountains not reported by the grain exchanges include 173,000 bushels at Fort William, Ont.; 114,000 bushels at Akron, Ohio, and 77,000 bushels in Milwaukee private elevators.
Corresponding receipts include 480,000 bushels at Manitoba points, 335,000 bushels in northwestern interior elevators, 161,000 bushels at Newport News, 141,000 bushels at Cleveland, 134,000 bushels in Chicago private elevators, and 116,000 bushels at Louisville.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Other Points. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.-Flour inactive and inchanged. Wheat closed nominally higher, despite the heavy receipts at domestic points, principally on the strength of corn. No. 2 red, cash, 53½c; December, 53c; January, 54c; May, 56%c. Corn was higher and strong, with scant offerings on bad chances for hauling to the markets, closing ½6½c up. No. 2 mixed, cash and December, 46½c; January, 44¾c; siay, 46¾ 646%c. Oats were dull; No. 2, cash, 30¾c; December, 31c; May, 32%c. Rye, no offerings; bids, 50c for No. 2 east side. Barley dull; sales of Minnesota at 54½c. Bran scarce and firm; 61c asked east track; 60c bid. Flaxseed, \$1.40. Clover seed easy and lower at \$8.40@8.70 for good. Timothy seed, \$4.73@5.25. Hay steady and unchanged. Butter dull and weak; creamery, fancy Elgin, 24@25c; choice to fancy separator, 20@21c. Eggs scarce and firm at 19½c. Corn meal, \$2.05@2.10. Whisky, \$1.23. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork—Standard mess jobbing, \$12.12½. Lard—Prime steam, 6.65c; choice, 6.75c. Dry-salted meats — Boxed shoulders, 5.12½c; longs, 5.87½c; ribs, 6c; clear, 6.12½c. Bacon — Boxed shoulders, 6.25@6.37½c; longs, 6.75c; ribs, 6.87½c; clear, 7c. Receipts—Flour, 3,000 bris; wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 65,000 bu; oats, 24,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 bris; wheat, 20,000 bu; ter dull and weak; creamery, fancy Elgin ments-Flour, 6,000 bris; wheat, 20,000 bu; corn none; oats, 16,000 bu.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.-Wheat futures beyond this month 1/3c lower; No. 2 red, December, 60/2601/4c; January, 607/4/261; February, 62/2621/4c; March, 631/4/2631/4c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed, December, 513/4/26511/4c; January, 511/4/26511/4c; February, 513/4/26511/4c; March, 513/4/26511/4c. Oats steady; December, 283/4/260: February, 283/4/ 383,639e; January, 383,639c; February, 383,6394c; March, 383,6394c. Provisions quiet and steady; beef, city family, per brl, \$96, 10; smoked beef, 114,613c; beef hams, \$176, 17.50; pork, family, \$14.506,15; hams, S. P. cured, in tierces, 9@10c; do smoked, 10@11½c; sides, ribbed, in salt, 7@7¼c; do smoked, 8@8¼c; shoulders, pickle cured, 6½c; do smoked, 7½@7¾c; bellies in pickle, according to average, 7@7¾c; breakfast bacon, 9@10c; lard, pure city refined, 8@8½c. Butter steady; fancy Western creamery, 25c; do Pennsylvania prints, 26c; do ery, 25c; do Pennsylvania prints, 26c; do jobbing, 27@30c. Eggs steady; fresh, near by, 25c; do Western, 24c. Cheese un-changed. Tallow steady. Cotton un-changed. Refined sugars fair demand and steady; granulated quoted, 1-16c higher, at 41-16c. Receipts—Flour, 2,500 brls, 27,900 sacks; wheat, 2,200 bu; corn, 9,230 bu; oats, 25,136 bu. Shipments- Wheat, 29,000 bu; corn, 12,100 bu; oats, 20,850 bu. corn, 12,100 bu; oats, 20,850 bu.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Flour steady and unchanged; receipts, 21,696 bu; shipments, 7,393 bu; sales, 735 bu. Wheat firm; spot and month, 59%,659%c; January, 60%,660%c; February, 61%,661%c; May, 61%,661%c; steamer No. 2 red, 56%,656%c; recepits, 18,904 bu; stock, 1,128,504; sales, 56,000 bu. Southern wheat by sample, 59,661c; do on grade, 57,660c. Corn quiet; spot, 49%,649%c; year, 49%,649%c; January, 50,650%c; May, 53c bid; steamer mixed, 48,648%c; receipts, 69,176 bu; shipments, 25,714 bu; stock, 643,401; sales, 30,000 bu. Southern white corn,49,650c; do yel-

snipments, 25,714 bu; stock, 643,401; sales, 30,000 bu. Southern white corn,49@50c; do yellow, 45@50c. Oats firmer; No. 2 white Western, 38½@39c; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c; receipts, 7,100 bu; stock, 182,690. Rye quiet; demand slow; No. 2, 55@56c; receipts, 555 bu; stock, 35,312 bu. Hay firm; good to choice timothy, \$12.50@13. Grain freights quiet and unchanged. Sugar quiet and unchanged. Butter and eggs steady and unchanged. Cheese firm and active and unchanged. CINCINNATI, Dec. 11 .- Flour in moderate demand. Wheat quiet; No. 2 red, 54c; receipts, 2,000 bu; shipments, 500 bu. Corn easy; No. 2 mixed, 44c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 32%@33c. Rye dull; No. 2, 54c. Pork quiet at \$12.25. Lard steady at 6.75. Bulk meats firm at 6@6.12½c. Bacon quiet at 7.25c. Whisky steady; sales, 594 brls at \$1.23. Butter lower; fancy Elgin creamery, 25c; Ohio, 18@20c; dairy, 11@12c. Sugar assign Fags easy at 19c. Cheese steady. easier. Eggs easy at 19c. Cheese steady. TOLEDO, Dec. 11.—Wheat higher and firm; No. 2 cash, 55c; December, 51%c; May, 59%c. Corn dull and steady: No. 2 mixed, 47c; No. 3 mixed, 43c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed, 32c; No. 2 white, 33c. Rye dull; cash, 51c. Clover seed dull and steady; prime, cash and December, \$5.60. Receipts—

Wheat, 33,000 bu; corn, 116,000 bu; rye, 1,-000 bu; clover seed, 390 bags. Shipments-Flour, 1,000 brls; corn, 3,000 bu; rye, 500 bu; clover seed, 218 bags. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—Coarse grains were easy and steady. Receipts of wheat here were 209 cars, against 267 last year, and at Duluth and Superior, 530 cars, against 287 a year ago. Close: December, 571/2c; May, 591/2c; July, 601/3c. On track: No. 1 hard, 583/4c; No. 1 Northern, 573/4c; No. 2 Northern, 553/4c. Flour steady; first patents, \$3,20@3.60. DETROIT, Dec. 11.-Wheat-No. 2 white,

56¼c; No. 2 red, 55½c; No. 3 red, 54c; May, 59½c. Corn—No. 2, 45c. Oats—No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 2 mixed, 32¼c. Rye—No. 2, 50½c. Clover seed, \$5.60. Receipts—Wheat, 13,100 bu; corn, 7,700 bu; oats, 5,800 bu.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.-Wool is in better request and prices steady; Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 18@19c; X and above, 16@18c; medium, 20@21c; quarter blood, 21@22c; common, 18@20c; New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., XX, 16@17c; medium, 19@20c; quarier blood, 20@21c; common, 18@19c; washed combing and delaine fine 19@20c; medium, 20@22c; laine fine, 19@20c; medium, 21@22c; coarse, 20@21c; low, 22@23c; unwashed medium, 16@ 17c; low medium, 17@18c; braid, 16@17c; un-washed light and bright fine, 11@12c; me-dium, 15@16c; low medium, 16@17c; coarse, 15@16c; unwashed dark colored light fine, 9@10c; heavy fine, 6@8c; medium, 12@13c; fine medium, 11@12c; coarse, 11@12c; Territorial and Northwest light fine, 8@10c; heavy fine, 7@9c; fine medium, 10@11c; medium, 11@13c; quarter blood, 20@21c; coarse,

BOSTON, Dec. 11.-The demand for wool continues quiet though the firm tone continues quiet though the firm tone abroad has a strengthening influence upon the market. Only moderate lots are sold with values about the same. Ohio fine fleeces XX and above are still quoted at 18½@19c with X and above at 17½ to 18c. Ohio delaine fleeces are 19 to 20c. Territory wools are steady at 33 to 35c for fine medium and fine grades, 30 to 32c for more common grades and 25 to 30c for medium. California wools continue quiet and the same is true of the foreign article, though some Australian in grease is being taken at

Cotton. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.-Cotton in moderate demand and prices easier; American middling fair, 3 ll-16d; good middling, 3\(\frac{1}{4}\); American middling, 3 3-32d; good ordinary, 2 l3-16d; ordinary, 2\(\frac{1}{4}\)d; sales to-day, 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,400 bales American. Receipts, 54,000 bales, including

46,300 bales American. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11 .- Cotton easy middling, 53-16c; low middling, 415-16c; good ordinary, 411-16c; net receipts, 22,065 bales; gross receipts, 23,275 bales; exports to France, 11,098 bales; to the continent, 10,492 bales; exports coastwise, 5,718 bales; sales, 6,450 bales; stock, 358,269 bales.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 11.—Cotton steady and unchanged; middling, 5 3-16c; sales, 2,750 bales; receipts, 4,947 bales; shipments, 4,938 bales; stock, 117,453 bales. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Cotton dull and heavy; middling uplands, 5%c; middling

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-As usual on Tuesday, accompanied by very unfavorable weather, the demand has been very slow, though for seasonable specialties considerable business has been done through advance orders. The feature of the next few days and one that will occupy the attention of the entire country is the announced auction of 27,000 packages of domestic cotton goods on Wednesday, Dec. 19, when Bliss, Fabvan & Co., agents for the Pepperell, Laconia, Bates, Otis, Columbian, Thorn-dyke, Androscoggin, Farren, Palmer and Cordis cotton mills, will sell, without reserve, the entire production to-morrow. This will include 6,000 cases wide sheetings, 3,100 bales Pepperell and other cottons, 1,400 bales constituting sheetings, also corset jeans, satins, bleached sheetings, tickings, blue, brown and fancy denims, cottonades fancy duck, hickory stripes, napped suitings, checks, cheviots and grey and colored duck. Printing cloths quiet at 2%c.

OIL CITY, Dec. 11 .- Petroleum-National Transit certificates opened at 89%; highest, 90c; lowest, 89%; closed at 89%; Bales, 16,000 brls; clearances, 44,000 brls; shipments, 88,205 brls; runs, 84,923 brls. WILMINGTON, Dec. 11.—Rosin firm; strained, 95c; good, \$1. Spirits of turpentine firm at 24%c. Tar speady at 95c. Turpentine firm; hard, \$1.10; soft, \$1.50; virgin, NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Petroleum nominal; United closed at 891/2c. Rosin steady. SAVANNAH, Dec. 11.—Spirits of turpen-tine firm at 254c. Rosin firm at \$1.65.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 11.-Turpentine quiet at 25c. Rosin firm at \$1.

Spelter quiet; domestic, 3.30c. Lead steady; brokers' price, 3c; exchange price, 3.1216c. Copper strong; brokers' price, 914c; ex-change price, 9.75c. Sales on 'Change: Twenty tons of tin, this week, at 13.85c; 25 tons to April 30, s. o., one day's notice, 13.85c; 50 tons of December and 50 tons of January exchanged even at 14,10c; 75 tons of January. 14.20c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.-Lead lower at 2.85c. Spelter dull at 3,10c bid.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Quiet and Lower-Hogs Wenk and Lower-Sheep Lower. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11.-Cattle-Receipts 100; shipments, -.. Receipts light. The market was quiet at a shade lower prices. All sold.

Exports, 1,300 to 1,600 lbs.....\$4.50@ 5.50 Good to choice shippers...... 2.75@ 4.25 Fair to medium shippers...... 3.20@ 3.60 Feeders, good to choice...... 3.00@ 3.40 Good to choice cows..... Pair to medium cows...... Common old cows..... Veals, good to choice..... Veals, common to medium. Bulls, good to choice..... Hogs-Receipts, 7,500; shipments, 2,500. The quality was generally good. The market opened about steady on fancy butches grades, but weak and lower on others, and closed steady at the decline, with all sold. Heavy packing and shipping ... \$4.20@4.50 Mixed 4.00@4.3 Heavy roughs..... 3,00@4.00 Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 150; ship ments, -... Receipts light. The market

Lambs, good to choice........... 2.75@3.25 Lambs, common to medium....... 2.00@2.50

was weak and lower. All sold.

Elsewhere. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-The cattle market was dull and generally weak. The re-ceipts were small, but there were many stale cattle and sellers were required to shade prices. Compared with last Friday's prices, there is a decline of 15c to 25c.

There was trade at prices ranging from \$1.25 for inferior cows to \$6.35 for Christmas steers. Sales were principally at \$2@2.75 for butchers' stuff and at \$3.50@4.15 for steers. There was a light run of hogs to-day and the arrivals since Saturday have been 16,000 less than for the same time week, but that circumstance did not seem to have any influence with the buyers. Choice heavy weights were salable around the opening at \$4.55@4.65, while later \$4.55 was an outside quotation. For assorted light weights \$4.25 was practically the top and \$4.50 took the best medium weights. From those figures sales varied down to \$4.15@4.20 for common heavy and to \$3.90 @4 for common light. The bulk of the stuff was weighed at \$4.20@4.50. In sheep as in other branches of the live stock market there was weakness. Supstock market there was weakness. Supplies are still coming forward altogether too freely. Buyers took what stuff they wanted to-day at a reduction from yesterday's prices of 10c, paying \$1.25@3.15 for poor to choice sheep and \$2@4 for lambs of corresponding quality. From \$2.25@2.75 bought most of the sheep and sales of lambs were largely at \$3.25@3.85. Receipts—Cattle, 6,000; calves, 300; hogs, 26,000; sheep,

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,-700; shipments, 900. The market was irregular, ranging steady to 10c lower for natives and fairly active to steady for Texans. Native steers, 1,100 to 1,200 pounds, \$3.50@4.25; cows and heifers heavy at \$2.50@ 2.90; feeders, \$3.25; Texas steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, \$3.50@3.85; light, \$2.65@2.90; Hogs-Receipts, 7,300; shipments, 200. The market was weak and 10@15c lower. Best heavy, \$4.40@4.45; mixed and medium weights, \$4@4.15; fair to good light, \$4.05@4.25; fair heavy, \$4.30@4.35; common light and ordinary, \$4@4.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, none. The market was active and sleady. Native mixed, \$2.35@2.50; sheep and lambs, \$2.65@ NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Beeves—Receipts, 942; none on sale. European cables quote American steers at 91/2011c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 71/2094c. Exports to-day, 500 beeves, 21,200 sheep and 186 quarters of

Calves-Receipts, 100; dull and weak; on sale, 200. Veals, poor to prime, \$4@7; Western calves, \$262.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,106; five cars on sale. Market firm; medium to fair sheep, \$2.50@3; inferior to good lambs, \$3.50@ Hogs-Receipts, 3,397; none on sale. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,800; shipments, 1,600. The market was steady for best; others slow. Texas steers,

\$2.65@3.70; Texas cows, \$1.15@2.55; beef steers, \$3.25@5.50; native cows, \$1@3.25; bulls, \$1.75@3.40. Hogs-Receipts, 11,300; shipments, 400. The market opened firm on best; closed weak to 5c lower on everything. Bulk of sales, \$4.10@4.40; heavies, \$4.20@4.47½; packers, \$4.15@4.47½; mixed, \$4@4.35; lights, \$3.75@4.10; Yorkers, \$4.05@4.15; pigs, \$2.75@3.60. Sheep—Receipts, 2,800; shipments, 300. The market was steady.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 11.-Cattle-Receipts light; market strong on desirable grades. Light shipping, \$3.75@4; best butchers, \$3.50 @3.85; common to medium butchers', \$1,50@ stockers, \$1.25@2.75. 2; stockers, \$1.25@2.75.

Hogs—Receipts light; market steady; choice packing, \$4.30@4.35; fair to good packing, \$4.15@4.25; good to extra light, \$4.10@4.20; roughs, \$3.50@3.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts light; good to extra shipping, \$2.25@2.50; fair to good, \$1.75@2.25; common to medium, \$1.25@1.50. EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 11.-Cattle-Receipts, 12. The market was steady for good to choice: slow and weak for common and heavy steers. Hogs-Receipts, 7,500. Sales of good heavy

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